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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Michio OSADA et al.

| Art Unit: 1722

SERIAL NO.: 09/705,237

| Confirmation No.: 4586

FILED: November 2, 2000

| EX.: Thukhanh T. Nguyen

FOR: Die Used for Resin-Sealing and Molding an Electronic Component

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February 9, 2004

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 9, 2003 INCLUDING AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION

Dear Sir:

This Response should receive expedited handling because it is being filed within **TWO MONTHS** after the mailing date of the Final Office Action on December 9, 2003.

Please amend the above identified application as follows.

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